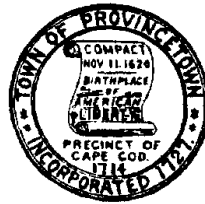


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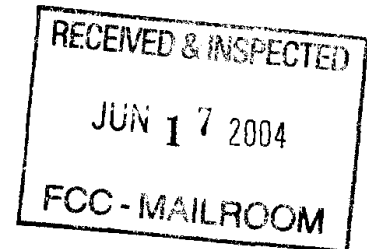
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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554



**Re: WT Docket Number 02-55: 800 MHz Interference**

Dear Madame Secretary:

Two of the most important aspects of every emergency operation are efficiency and safety precautions. The Provincetown Police Department responds to more than 12,000 calls for service a year, and all of the personnel in the Department understand the absolute necessity for smooth emergency operations. Time is of the essence when responding to calls and saving lives and the Department works hard to constantly improve response time and efficiency on our missions.

With a clear understanding of the nature of first responders' jobs and their commitment to saving lives while protecting their communities, we are very concerned that not all first responders can rely on their communications systems. Due to radio interference, many police, fire and EMS workers struggle to communicate with their dispatcher and colleagues on a regular basis. This happens in Massachusetts as well as states throughout the country and it is needlessly putting lives in jeopardy.

Undoubtedly, this is a dangerous problem in need of a solution. The four leading public safety organizations, in conjunction with the private wireless community, recognized this threat and developed a solution. As you know, the Consensus Plan was submitted to the FCC in 2002 as a comprehensive solution that will rid public safety's airwaves of interference. By realigning the 800 Megahertz spectrum, first responders will once again be able to rely on their communications systems.

The leaders of the public safety community who helped develop the Consensus Plan recognized the need for a fully funded solution. This need has therefore been accounted for and public safety will not have to bear any of the realignment or retuning costs that are incurred during the process. The Consensus Plan is truly a comprehensive solution, which explains why more than 1,000 public safety departments and officers have joined together to support the Plan. I hope the Commissioners will recognize the remarkable opportunity that is possible with the adoption of the Consensus Plan. Just think -- we will be able to permanently eliminate interference and better serve America's communities. Please join the Provincetown Police Department in support of this comprehensive solution.

Sincerely,

Schuyler M. Meyer, III  
Chief of Police

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